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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZES HUGE AMOUNTS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND COCAINE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

A number of traffic stops by Highway Patrol Officers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) in a month long period resulted in the seizure of 18 pounds of methamphetamine and 12 pounds of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$127,000 and \$100,000 respectively.

The traffic stops were made at various locations throughout the state.

The largest haul came on May 29 when officers took in over 10 pounds of methamphetamine during a traffic stop that occurred in Western Arizona near Quartzsite.

"The manufacturing, sale and use of methamphetamine in this state is an enormous problem. We at the Arizona Department of Public Safety are committed to arresting those involved in the proliferation of this dangerous drug and other illegal narcotics throughout this state," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Most of the drug seizures came with the help of DPS canines. In several cases, the drugs were found hidden and creatively concealed deep inside the searched vehicles.

As a result of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona are becoming safer places to live.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agencies in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.